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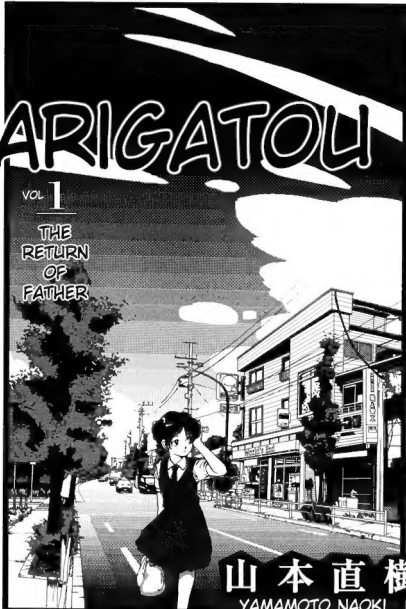


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THE BAND OF THE HAWK

ARIGATOU

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THE
RETURN
OF
FATHER



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YAMAMOTO NAOKI

1♦ THE BOY WHO
CAME FROM
THE COLD
COUNTRY

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RETURN
OF
FATHER

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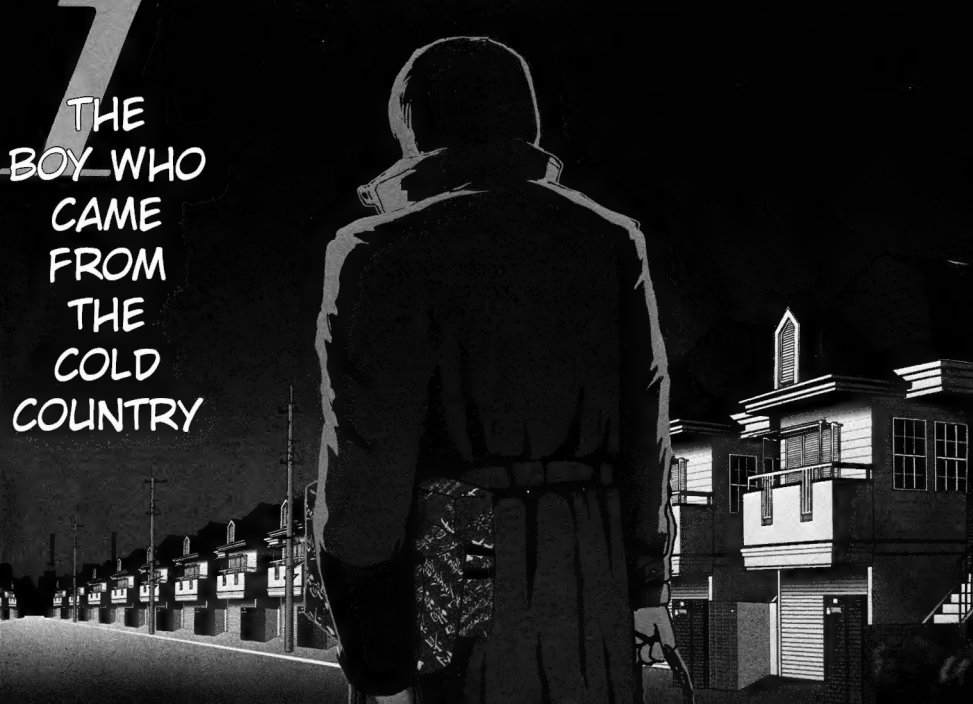
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GO TO
SCHOOL

11♦ BOILING
USING THE
STEW PAN

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FROM
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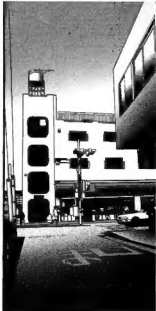
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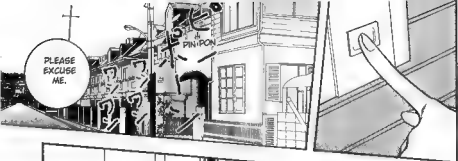




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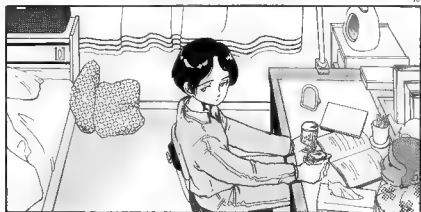


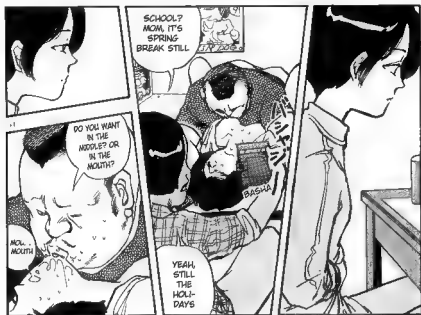






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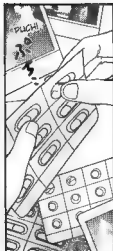
BASHA, BASHA



10000 YEN = ABOUT 100 DOLLARS



*WELL, I'M SURE MOST PPL ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS BUT ANYWAY MOST JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE WHAT THEY CALL A OFURO AT HOME, AND THESE ARE LIKE BATHTUBS. ORIGINALLY THEY WERE ROUNDED AND OLD LIKE PPL USED TO HAVE THEM IN EUROPE A LONG TIME AGO, BUT NOW THEY ARE MOSTLY RECTANGULAR FOR SPACE REASONS AND THEY ARE QUITE "NEW" TECHNOLOGYWISE IF YA WANT TO REALLY RELAX, OFURO DOES IT REALLY WELL.



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PECHA, PICHA, KUCHU

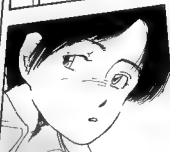
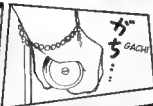


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GUH GUH

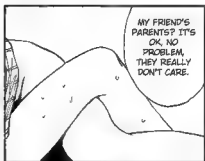


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I'LL
TEACH
YOU.



YOU WANT
TO COME
OVER? YOU
WANNA DO
IT THAT
MUCH?

AH

IS THAT SO,
UHMMM... SO
YOU REALLY
WANNA DO IT
THAT MUCH
DON'T YA? I
SEE, I SEE



SO THAT
FINGERING YOU
WERE JUST
DOING; FEELS
GOOD DOESN'T
IT?



NO
WAY.



WHEN YA USE
YOUR FINGER
OVER HERE
DOESN'T THAT
FEEL REALLY
GOOD?

HEYA,
HERE IT
IS.

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NICE,
TAKE IT
ALL IN.

STOPP
IT....

NAHHH
...



PISHA



HUH
?



HOW DARE
YA LOOK
AT ME
LIKE THAT

HIII



HIII

DAMN
IT, IT
STINKS











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THE
RETURN
OF
FATHER







AFTER I TOOK A
PISS AND A
SHOWER THE
EFFECT OF THE
"MEDICINE" STARTED
WEARING OFF.

WAHH



HEY



HEY, GIVE ME
SOME MORE
OF THAT
STUFF

AH



AH

COME
ON, I'LL
EVEN
SUCK
IT



HIRA

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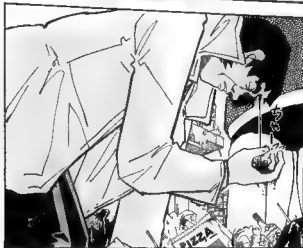
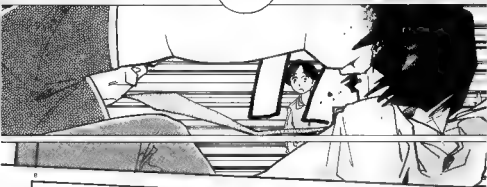




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YOU
DON'T
GET
IT!!

THE HEART
OF YOUR
OWN
FAMILY IS
USING MY
FIST TO
STRIKE AT
YOU!

WHAT'S
HITTING
YOU IS NOT
MY FIST,
IT'S MY
HEART!

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

DO
YOU?



IT'S BECAUSE OF
ADULTS LIKE YOU
THAT WE YOUNG
PEOPLE BECOME
REBELLIOUS!



DO YOU
GET
IT!!!?



YOU DON'T
PICK UP ON
THINGS
QUICKLY
DO YOU
OLD MAN.



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YOUR



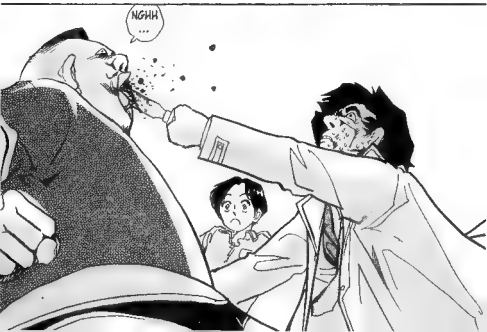
THAT'S

GOH



BUT
YOU
KNOW

GAKI







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CALL A
DOCTOR; THIS
PAIN IS
FUCKING
UNBEAR-
ABLE!!



PLEASE,
I BEG
OF YOU.



THAT'S
....

WHO'S THE ONE
THAT "FORGET HIS
OBLIGATIONS AS A
FATHER"?

WHO'S THE ONE
THAT WAS
"NEGLECTED
HIS FAMILY
BECAUSE HE
WAS TOO BUSY
WORKING"?

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NO
MATTER,
I'M NOT
GONNA
FORGIVE
YOU.



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA HOW
DISAP-
POINTED I
AM ON
SEEING THE
HOUSE LIKE
THIS ON ONE
OF THE RARE
DAYS I'M
ABLE TO
COME BACK.

LIK... LIKE I
SAID IT
WASN'T ME,
IT WAS
KAKUMA SAN
THAT
SAL.....

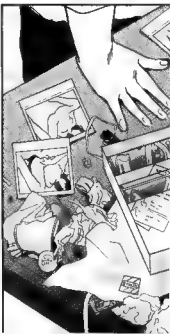


DO YOU UNDER-
STAND WHAT A
TREASURE "THE
FAMILY" IS? DO
YOU UNDERSTAND
HOW MUCH OF MY
EFFORT I PUT IN
TO BUILD THIS
FAMILY.

DO YOU
THINK
FUCKING
STUPID KIDS
LIKE YOU
UNDER-
STAND HOW
THINGS
WORKS?

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*FOOTNOTE: LOOK KIDDIES! LEARN HOW TO MAKE
YOUR OWN BEAN JELLIES
(YOLKAN) HERE! [HTTP://WWW.ANGELFIRE.
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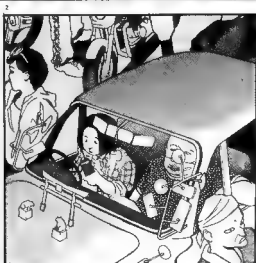
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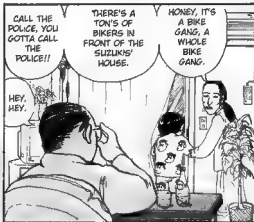


BAKING A CAKE

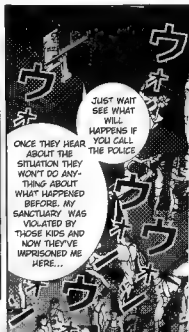


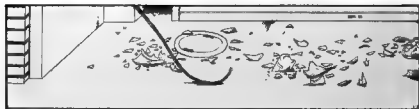


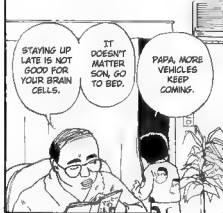
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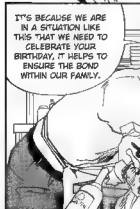
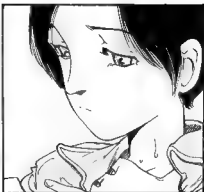


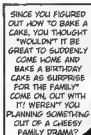






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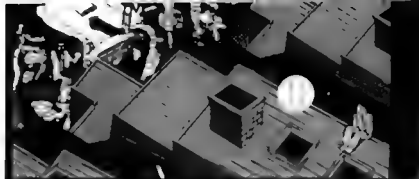
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NOTE: TO TRANSLATE KACHOUK AS HEAD OF THE HOUSE OR PATRIARCH. IT REFLECTS THE MAGAO TRADITIONAL MALE-CENTERED VIEW THAT IS STILL PREVALENT IN MANY ASIAN SOCIETIES; THAT THE PATRIARCH (OR THE FATHER OR GRANDFATHER) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN THE FAMILY. THE ENGLISH PHRASE "MAN OF THE HOUSE" IS PRETTY CLOSE IN TERMS OF MEANING, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT AS STRONG.





CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY



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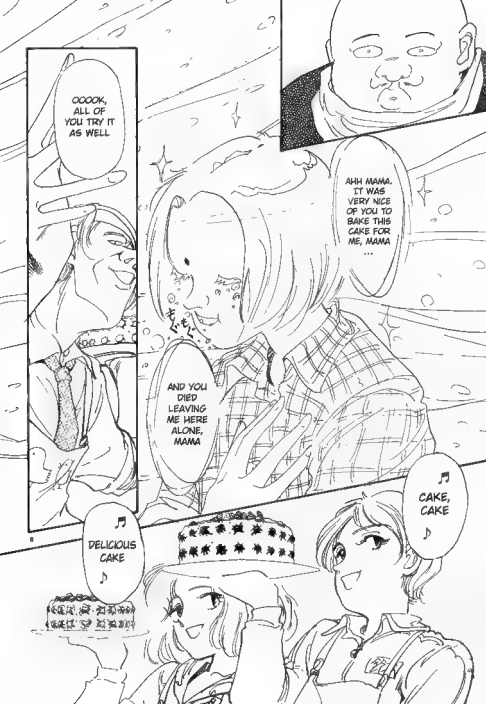


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OOOOK,
ALL OF
YOU TRY IT
AS WELL

AHH MAMA.
IT WAS
VERY NICE
OF YOU TO
BAKE THIS
CAKE FOR
ME, MAMA
...

AND YOU
DIED
LEAVING
ME HERE
ALONE,
MAMA

♪
DELICIOUS
CAKE
♪

♪
CAKE,
CAKE
♪



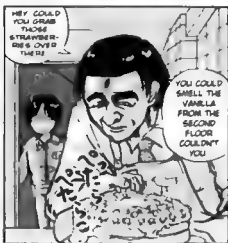
CAKE CAKE
LET'S EAT
THIS LOVELY
DELICIOUS
CAKE

WHATEVER STRUGGLE YOU WENT
THROUGH
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF IMMORAL
PERSON YOU ARE
IF YOU EAT THIS DELICIOUS CAKE
EVERYONE WILL BECOME HAPPY
DID YOU KNOW THAT?

WHATEVER PAINFUL MOMENTS
YOU'VE GONE THROUGH
WHATEVER LONELY MOMENTS
YOU HAVE HAD
IF YOU EAT THIS DELICIOUS CAKE
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE
IN A GOOD MOOD
DON'T YOU SEE THAT?



WON
WON
WON



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UOON UOON





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AND THE
CANDLES
AREN'T THE
ONLY THING
I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT.

THE CANDLES
AREN'T GOING
TO GO OUT
LIKE THAT, DO
YOU UNDER-
STAND?



I'M FROM
FORTUNE TEMPLE
CHICKEN. THE
DELIVERY HAS
ARRIVED

IT'LL
BE
\$57.68

JUST
A
SEC

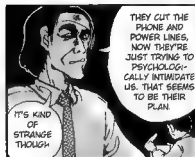


SHOIKO*
ARE YOU
OK,
AKIKOOO.



EXCUSE
ME

*CPPLS NAMES ARE BASED IN KANJI AND THE KANJI HAVE VARIOUS DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ, NOW USUALLY THE KANJI HAS A SPECIAL WAY OF READING WHEN USED IN KANJI, WHAT HAPPENED HERE'S THAT THE FIRST KANJI OF HER NAME YOU NORMALLY READ SHOU, AND THE LATTER PART IS KO, BUT AS IT IS A NAME YOU HAVE TO READ IT AKKO, SO BASICALLY HER FATHER MADE A MISTAKE)



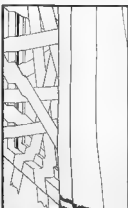
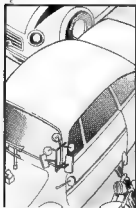


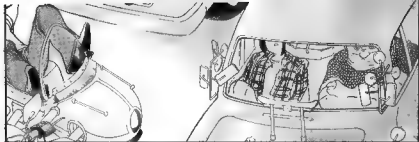


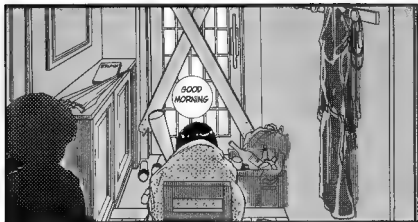


THE
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ATION
OF THE
Q-TIP
BOY

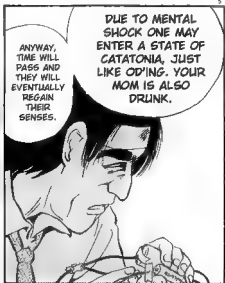


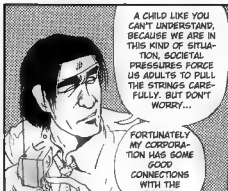






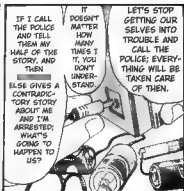
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A CHILD LIKE YOU
CAN'T UNDERSTAND,
BECAUSE WE ARE IN
THIS KIND OF SITU-
ATION, SOCIETAL
PRESSURES FORCE
US ADULTS TO PULL
THE STRINGS CARE-
FULLY. BUT DON'T
WORRY...

FORTUNATELY
MY CORPORA-
TION HAS SOME
GOOD
CONNECTIONS
WITH THE
POLICE.



IF I CALL
THE POLICE
AND TELL
THEM MY
HALF OF THE
STORY, AND
THEN

ELSE GIVES A
CONTRADI-
CTORY STORY
ABOUT ME
AND I'M
ARRESTED;
WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN TO
US?

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW
MANY
TIMES I
IT, YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND

LET'S STOP
GETTING OUR
SELVES INTO
TROUBLE AND
CALL THE
POLICE; EVERY-
THING WILL BE
TAKEN CARE
OF THEN.



IF YOU
COULD...
YEAH, KUNO
GAN FROM
THE POLICE
DOG
ACADEMY, IF
YOU COULD
PLEASE
TELL HIM
ABOUT IT...

YEAH, AS I
SAID THERE
WAS THIS
THING AND
...



AHH, IS
THAT
SO. IN
THE
BANK
BAR. YES,
YES, WELL
THE TRUTH
IS....

YES, IT'S
SUZUKI. YES,
THE SITUATION
OVER HERE IS
A LITTLE... IS
YAMADA
KUN OVER
THERE... IS
TSUJI FROM
THE
RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT
THERE?



DON'T
MAKE ME
LOSE MY
TEMPER.
GO TO
YOUR
OFFICE
RIGHT
NOW!!

IF IT'S
THAT KIND
OF
SITUATION
IT'S 110.
CALL
110!!

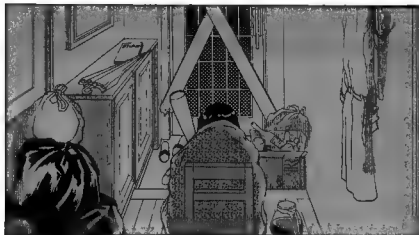


AND?





YOU
STILL
DO NOT
UNDER-
STAND



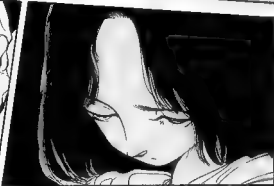
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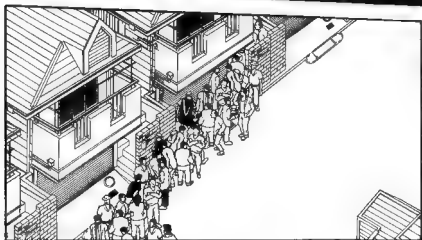






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CALM DOWN!!
WHAT'S HAP-
PENED IS
MAKING YOU
BEHAVE IRRAT-
TIONALLY!!

IF WE
IMPRISON OUR
SELVES IN
HERE, WE
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
NEGOTIATE!

DUMB ASS!!
THOSE FUCKERS
OUT THERE ARE
WAITING TO RAPE
AND PILLAGE,
THEY'RE LIKE
DEMONS

DO YOU PLAN
TO STAY
IMPRISONED
IN THIS
HOUSE UNTIL
WE DIE?!

THE ONE
BEHAVING
IRRAT-
IONALLY IS
YOU OLD
MAN, THE
ONE WHO
HASN'T HAD
ANY SLEEP!

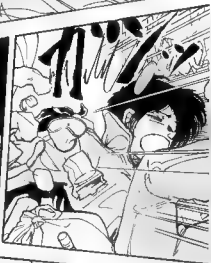
DID YOU
LOSE
YOUR
NERVE
AKIKO?

ITS
TAKAKO
!

TAKAKO
!!

I DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING!! I
DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING!!

YOU FUCKER,
YOU JUST
SAID "THE
DEMON HERE
IS YOU" DIDN'T
YA!!



AKI...
TAKAKO.
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO
DISOWN
YOUR
FAMILY
?

THE
ENEMY IS
OUTSIDE.

AND GIVE
ME THAT
HAMMER
!!

MOVE
OUTTA
THE WAY,
YOU
STUPID
OLD
MAN!!

...WELL, I
DON'T
REALLY
WANT TO
LIVE
ANYMORE
SO...

...THAT MIGHT
BE ONE OF
THE OUTCOMES
...

SIS
ARE
YOU
STILL
OUT
OF
IT!?

CUZ I
DONT
WANNA
DIE
FROM
THAT
EITHER
!

SHUT UP!! I
OBEYED EVERY
ORDER YOU GAVE
ME, %*0& OLD
MAN, YOU WANT
EVERY ONE IN THIS
FAMILY TO JUST
BLINDLY TRUST
YOU AND DIE
OF HUNGER
IMPRISONED
IN HERE!!

A
CHANCE
!

AH

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO
COULD BE
TRUSTED!!

LET GO
OF IT
YOU
%*%\$
OLD
MAN!!!

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HHHH

AH

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WAAH

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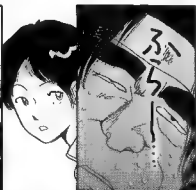
IF I STAY
ANY LONGER
IN THIS
FUCKING NUT
HOUSE I'M
GOING TO
GET MY
SELF
KILLED...

...I'LL
BE
KILLED,
...

IV YUU
DON'D LED
ME HO I
GILL HA!!

LET ME
GO!

AH
!!





THE BATTERY IS TO LOW, CAN'T USE THIS DAMN THING ANYMORE

I CAN'T REMOVE THE NAILS FROM THE TOP WINDOW EITHER

...I KNEW IT...



WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE HIM BACK. THEY SAID THAT IF WE RETURN HIM THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING,

ALSO THE CELLPHONE'S BATTERY IS LOW, AND THE TOP WINDOW WAS BLOCKED BECAUSE OF YOU.



THE OUT COME IS DECIDED

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!! COME OVER HERE AND UNTIE ME NOW!!



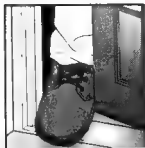
THE ONES WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS, THEY ARE A BUNCH OF DEVILS, DEMONS!!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU SO THAT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!!

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**THEY ARE
INVADING AGAIN**





AKIKO
CHAN'S
TITS ARE
SOFT,
AREN'T
THEY?



DON'T
TOUCH
HER!!



WE ARE
GOING TO
DO ALL THE
THINGS YOU
WERE
DREAMING.

YOU
FUCKERS!!
WHAT ARE
YOU PLAN-
NING TO DO
IN THIS
HOUSE
NOW?



WHICH
ONE,
WHICH
ONE.



DELI-
CIOUS
NECK

OK, HERE
GOES THE
MEDICINE.

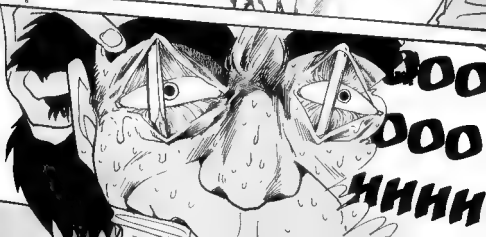


YOU'RE
TOO NOISY,
WE NEED TO
SHUT THAT
MOUTH OF
YOURS

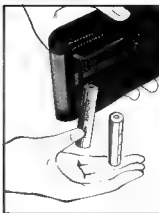
AGAH!!













MAN IT
MUST BE A
DISGRACE FOR
YA SEEING
YOUR DAUGHTER
NAKED LIKE THIS



YOU HAD BLUE
BALLS THE
WHOLE TIME YOU
WERE AWAY,
DIDN'T YA?

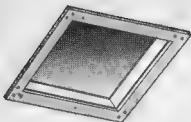
STRIP
IM
PLEASE

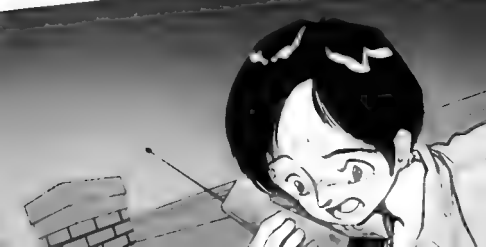


HELLO,
HELLO,
HELLO,
HELLO

HELLO,
HELLO,
HELLO,
HELLO









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AND LOOK AT
THE STATE OF
MY WIFE AND
DAUGHTER; I
CAN'T LEAVE
THE HOUSE.

I'M TIRED,
THIS THING
HAPPENED
RIGHT WHEN I
GOT TRANS-
FERRED BACK
HOME*

THAT'S WHY
I WANT YOU
TALK TO THE
CHIEF
ABOUT
THINGS.....

HOW MANY
OF THOSE
THUGS RAN
AWAY AND
ARE HIDING
SOME-
WHERE?

WHY
CAN'T WE
FINISH
THIS
HERE

ARE
THOSE
OTHER
PEOPLE
TRUST-
WORTHY
?

IT'S PERFECTLY
SAFE, I'M ALREADY
GETTING MY PEOPLE
TO SECURE THE
AREA, IF THERE'S
ANYTHING THEY
WILL CALL
AGAIN SO...

.....I'LL MAKE
UP MY MIND
ABOUT THIS
SITUATION
AFTER HEARING
YOUR SIDE OF
THE STORY
SUZUKI SAN.

ERM
THERE'S
ONE GUY
FROM
THAT
GROUP
THAT...

HE SAYS HE
WAS HURT BY
SUZUKI SAN, I
DIDN'T LISTEN
TO HIM BUT...

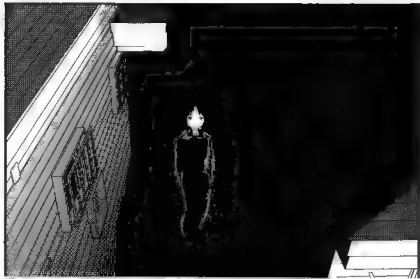


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GOING
TO
JAIL





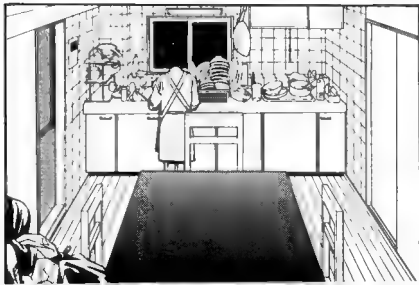
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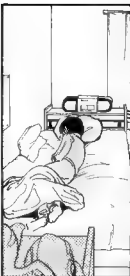




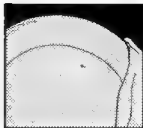


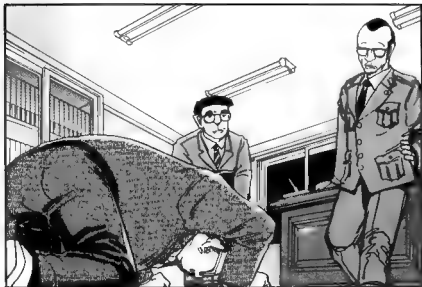
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I THINK YOU'RE A WORRYWART. TRUST THE WORLD'S BEST POLICE FORCE...

RATHER THAN TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN, YOU SHOULD RELY ON OTHERS SOMETIMES.



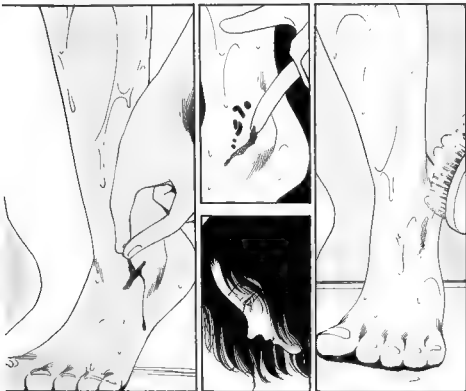
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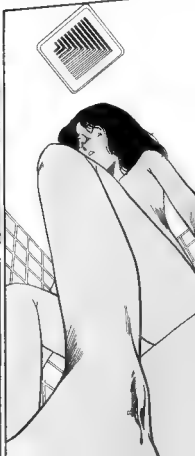
WE ALREADY HAVE GUARDS POSTED AROUND THE HOUSE.



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MAN, YOU
BUMP INTO
ME AND
THEN DON'T
EVEN
EXCUSE
YOURSELF

OULICH



SO IT'S BEEN
3 YEARS
THEN? YOU
SURE HAVE
GOTTEN
PRETTY.

YOU'RE SUZUKI SAN
RIGHT? WE WERE IN
THE SAME SIXTH
GRADE CLASS IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, I'M IMADA
ISAMU. STRANGE TO
MEET YOU HERE.



YOU WERE
IN LEAGUE
WITH THEM!!



IS IT
OKAY?

BE
CAREFUL,
AROUND
HERE ARE
THERE ARE A
LOT OF
HOOD-
LUMS.



PLEASE
WAIT HERE
WHILE WE
FIX THE
BIKE

HERE?



PLEASE
...

LET
ME GO
BACK
HOME
.....

AHH, THIS
IS SUZUKI
SAN'S
PRECIOUS
PUSSY
AIN'T IT?



EXCUSE
ME

YOU'LL
FEEL
MORE
RELAXED
IF YOU
TAKE
THIS.

MOM IS
ALREADY
.....

DAD IS
.....
AND...

IS
THAT
OK?

....MY
YOUNGER
SISTER
TOO...

I'M
GOING TO
THIS
GUYS
HOUSE.



UNTIL
YOU
DIE.

FROM NOW
ON YOU ARE
GONNA
BECOME OUR
"TOILET",



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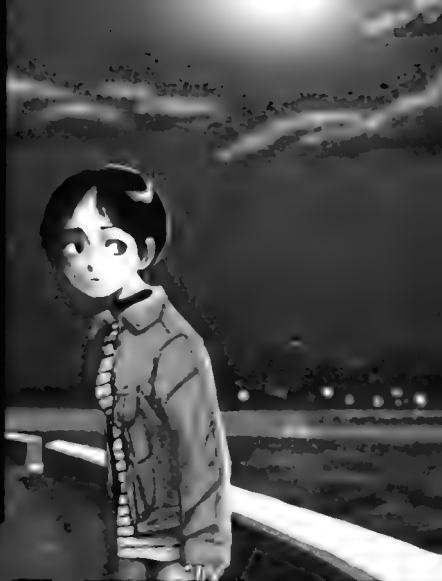
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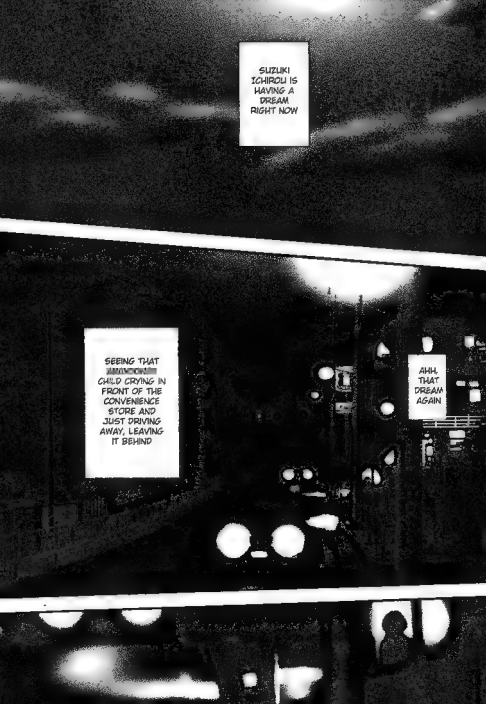








SLEEPING IN
PRISON



SUZUKI
ICHIROU IS
HAVING A
DREAM
RIGHT NOW

SEEING THAT
CHILD CRYING IN
FRONT OF THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE AND
JUST DRIVING
AWAY, LEAVING
IT BEHIND

AHH,
THAT
DREAM
AGAIN

THIS IS A
DREAM
THAT I
HAVE HAD
REPEATEDLY
OVER THE
YEARS

EVEN
THOUGH I
NEVER DID
THAT, AND
NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT
DOING IT

I TURN AROUND
AND SEE THE
ABANDONED
CHILD CRYING,
BUT WITHOUT
HESITATION I
CONTINUE
DRIVING AWAY.

I DON'T KNOW
WHETHER THE
CHILD IS AKIKO
OR TAKAKO OR
SOMEONE ELSE



SUZUKI
SAN



SUZUKI
ICHIROU





*THE Q-TIP GUY









YOU
SHITTY
OLD
MAN!!



HEY LOOK, YOUR
DAUGHTER EVEN
CAME TO PICK
YOU

WE CAN'T
LET THIS
END THIS
WAY!

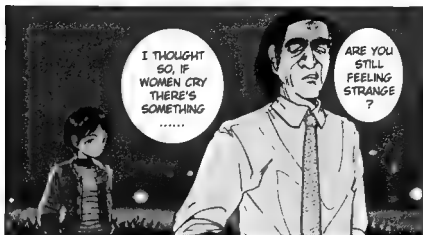
DON'T
STOP
ME
TAKAKO
!!











YOU IDIOT,
THAT WAS
DANGEROUS!
IF THAT HIT
WHAT WERE
YOU GONNA DO!



OH
HH
!



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?
HEY!

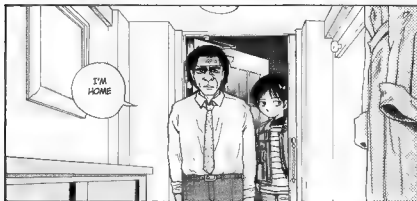


HEY!

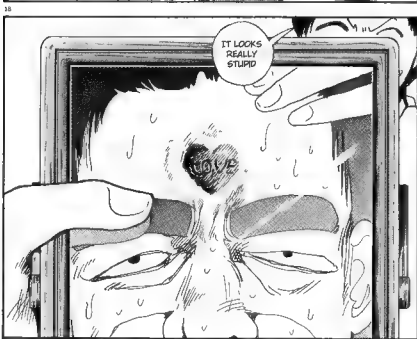
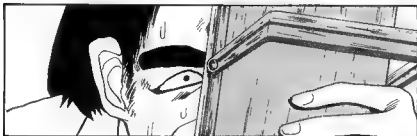


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MAKING A BENTO



THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD IS
LIKE THIS



MOM
CONTINUES
DRINKING
SAKE
WHEN DAD
ISN'T
LOOKING.

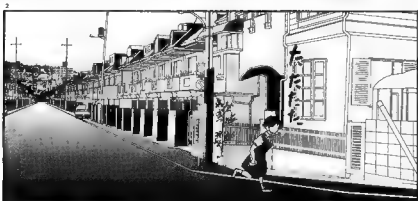
ANH-
HHH-
HHHH

SIS STOPPED
TAKING HER
"MEDICINE", BUT
SOMETIMES SHE
CRIES AT NIGHT
WHEN SHE HAS
NIGHTMARES.

BUT
WHEN HER
"ORIGINAL" SELF
WAKES UP IN
THE MORNING
SHE APPAR-
ENTLY DOESN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING

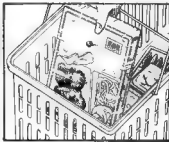


DAD CAME
BACK
FROM HIS
JOB
ABROAD.





EVEN THOUGH
SOMETHING
SO SCANDAL-
OUS TOOK
PLACE JUST A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO, IT FEELS
LIKE A
DISTANT
MEMORY.

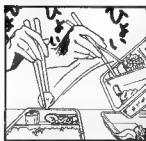
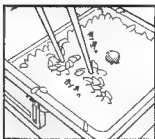


SURE, NO
PROBLEM

CAN YOU
PLEASE
WARM IT
UP?



IT FEELS
SURREALIS-
TIC, AS IF
WATCHED A
SCARY
MOVIE OR
HAD A BAD
DREAM

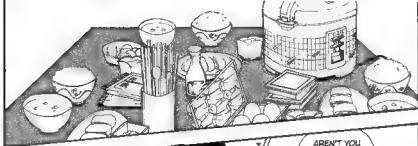






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*SHE MEANS A RICH LADY



LIKE A
LADY*

WAHH,
AMAZING.
YOU CAME
TO SCHOOL
IN A CAR.

YO
CHAN
...



TAKA
CHAN



... I
REALLY
WASN'T
FEELING
VERY
WELL.

I WAS
REALLY
WORRIED



WHAT HAP-
PENED? YOU
SKIPPED FOR
A WHOLE
WEEK. WHAT
HAPPENED?

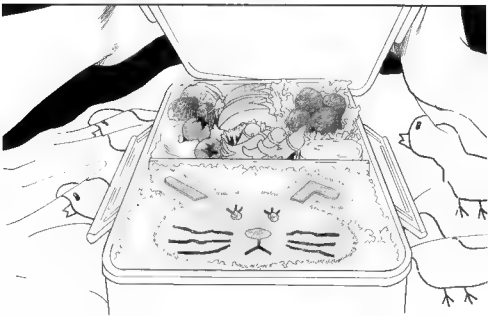
DOES A
LADY RIDE
IN A
COROLLA?

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*THE NAME OF AN ALL GIRLS INSTITUTE (Y/M NOT SURE ABOUT THE NAME THOUGH IT COULD BE THAT IT'S READ IN ANOTHER WAY)

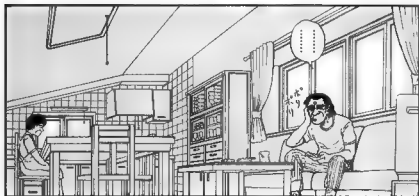


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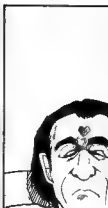


*NEVER TASTED IT, IT'S APPARENTLY A PINK PASTE OF SOME SORT I FOUND SOME PICTURES IN THE FOLLOWING PAGE *[HTTP://WWW.GEOCITIES.CO.JP/FOODPIA-OLIVE/8904/AO-LUNCH.HTML](http://www.geocities.co.jp/FOODPIA-OLIVE/8904/AO-LUNCH.HTML)* IN THE LAST 3 PICS OF THE PAGE THEY HAVE THIS SAKURA DENBU INSIDE THE SUSHI.



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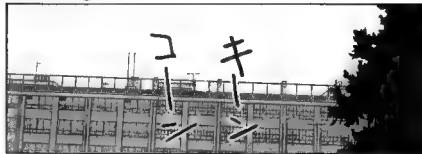


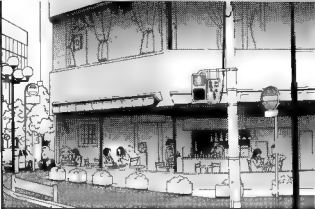


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REFUSING
TO GO TO
SCHOOL

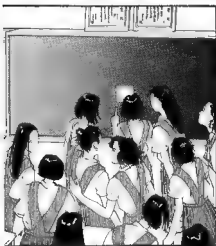


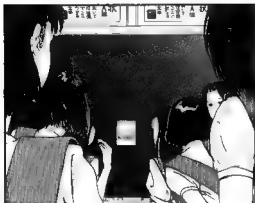


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I'M SUZUKI TAKIKO'S FATHER







THE
PERSON
AT THE
BOTTOM?

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEAN!

I'VE SEEN
THIS GIRL
SOME-
WHERE
BEFORE...



BUT I'VE
SEEN THAT
GIRL SOME-
WHERE
BEFORE,
HAVEN'T I?

SHOULD
I GO
GET IT?

CAN'T WE
TAKE THIS*
OUT, WITH
ARON ALPHA
OR SOME-
THING...

THIS
THING IS
BURST-
ING

NOOOO,
THIS IS DIS-
GUSTING

THE
OUTLINE
FROM THIS
PART OVER
HERE



THAT'S
HARD-
CORE!

500
GROSS

* SHE MEANS THE BLACKOUT OVER THE FACE



EEEE
EEEE
EEEE
HH



DIDN'T
SHE GO
TO THE
BATH-
ROOM?

HUH?
WASN'T
TAKAKO
HERE JUST
A SECOND
AGO?

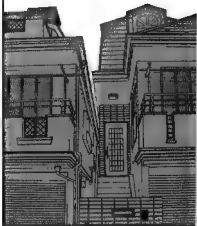


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*ORIGINATING IN THE
MIND OR IN MENTAL OR
EMOTIONAL PRO-
CESSES, HAVING A
PSYCHOLOGICAL
RATHER THAN A PHYSI-
OLOGICAL ORIGIN.





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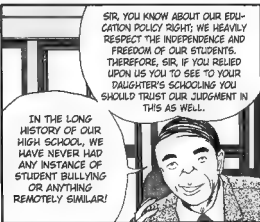




UNTIL I UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY THIS IS HAPPENING I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF LEAVING!

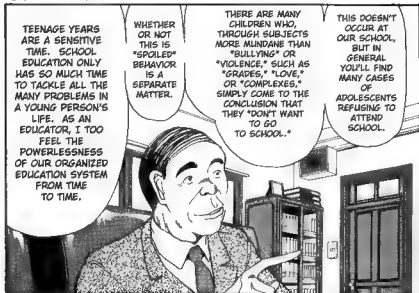


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*GAKUEN DRAMA = SCHOOL DRAMA

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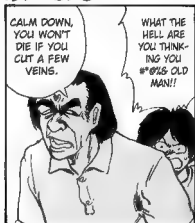




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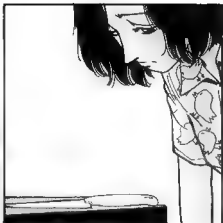


GO AHEAD
AND SLIT
YOUR WRIST
WITH THIS.



CALM DOWN,
YOU WON'T
DIE IF YOU
CUT A FEW
VEINS.

WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU THINK-
ING YOU
#*%\$ OLD
MAN!!



IF YOU
REALLY MEAN
THAT YOU DON'T
WANT TO GO,
AND THAT IT'S
BETTER TO DIE,
THEN PLEASE
GO AHEAD AND
SHOW YOUR
COMMITMENT
RIGHT NOW!

I WANT TO BELIEVE IN
YOU, BUT ARE YOU
DOING THIS BECAUSE
THE SCHOOL IS A
HORRIBLE PLACE, OR
IS IT THE CASE THAT
THAT OTHER INCIDENT
OCCURRED AND YOU
WANT TO ESCAPE
FROM REALITY?
I CANNOT ACCEPT YOU
TRYING TO RUN FROM
THINGS!

YOU DON'T
WANT TO
GO TO
SCHOOL,
BUT YOU
CAN'T
TELL ME
THE
REASON!



CALM
DOWN
!!

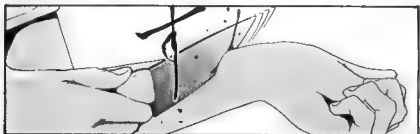
OLD
MAN
!!

THE ONE
WHO NEEDS
TO CALM
DOWN HERE
IS YOU!!

IN THIS WORLD,
THERE ARE MANY
PEOPLE WHO ARE SO
SERIOUSLY TROUBLED
BY SOMETHING THAT
THEY WOULD RATHER
DIE THAN CONFRONT
THEIR PROBLEM. IS
YOUR PROBLEM SO
SERIOUS THAT YOU
HAVE REACHED THAT
POINT?

DO YOU UNDER-
STAND? WHAT YOUR
FATHER IS TRYING
TO TELL IS THAT HE
DOESN'T WANT TO
BELIEVE THAT HIS
DAUGHTER IS SO
WEAK AND UNMATURE
THAT SHE WOULD
COMPLETELY SHUT
DOWN OVER SOME
LITTLE SETBACK.







IT WAS
DECIDED THEN
THAT IT
WOULD BE OK
EVEN IF SHE
DIDN'T GO TO
SCHOOL..

TAKIKO CUT
ALL THE WAY
TO THE
ARTERY, IT
WOULD'VE
TAKEN JUST A
COUPLE MORE
MINUTES
UNTIL SHE
LOST TOO
MUCH BLOOD
AND DIED.

CALL AN
AMBULANCE
!!





BOILING
STEW



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DID YOU
FINISH
TALKING TO
YOUR FRIEND
ALREADY?



YOU ALWAYS
SAY
"YOU ARE
ANNOYING"
AND THINGS
LIKE THAT,
SO WE WERE
WAITING
DISCRETELY
IN THE
CORNER.

WHAT IS
IT?
ARE YOU
ANGRY?



TODAY IS
"STEW"
DAY

MY SISTER'S
ARTERY HAD
HEALED
COMPLETELY,
BUT SHE
HASN'T GONE
TO SCHOOL AT
ALL SINCE
THAT DAY.



"THEY" ARE
ALWAYS
"AIMING" AT OUR
FAMILY. THEY
ARE OUT THERE
WANDERING
AROUND, TRYING
TO GET THEIR
REVENGE.

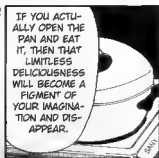
WE
PROBABLY
ARE
ANNOYING,
BUT THIS
SOMETHING
THAT HAS
TO BE
DONE.

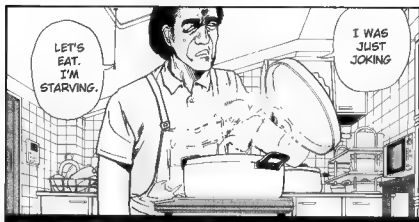








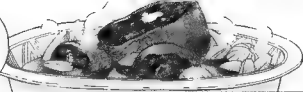








I'M
REALLY
SORRY FOR
COMING AT
DINNER
TIME



IT'S NO
PROBLEM,
YOU CAME
AT THE
RIGHT
TIME.

AHH,
THANK
YOU



WELL
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY,
HOW'S THE
STEW.

I GAVE
UP
DRINK-
ING.

NAH

SO

YOUR
HAIR'S
GOTTEN
LONGER
HASN'T IT
BOSS?

HAHH
THIS IS
REALLY
GOOD,
REALLY
GOOD.

...THE
DOCTOR
TOLD ME
TO STOP

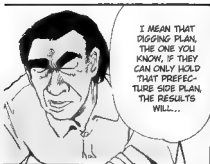
EHH, THE
"BOSS" I
USED TO
KNOW
STOPPED
DRINKING?

PLEASE
DON'T
CALL ME
"BOSS"

IT'S A
MUST
HAVE
SKILL
WHEN
YOU LIVE
ABROAD.

YEAH,
YOU
COULD
SAY THAT
...

SO YOU
CAN COOK
"BOSS"?



*A CITY IN HOKKAIDO WHERE HE WORKED WHEN LIVING ABROAD.





IF I WAS, OH MAN, IF I WAS 15 YEARS YOUNGER I WOULD PROPOSE TO HER.



YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP, RIGHT?

YES, IT'S A NICE RELA-

HEY, REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S SPORT DAY, SHE HAD AN INCREDIBLE REPUTATION THERE AS WELL.

NAH, IT'S NOT REALLY A COMPLIMENT.



THAT SHE MIGHT FALL FOR SOME STRANGE GUY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?



DON'T YOU FEEL AFRAID SOMETIMES ... AS A FATHER?

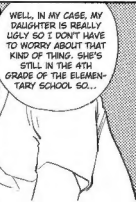


YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH MY DAUGHTER IS UGLY, I SAW HER TAKING HER PANTIES OFF ON THE WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL WITH THIS STRANGE BOY, I MEAN WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THAT STUFF...

BUT IF SOMEDAY I HAD SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER I WOULD BE WORRIED.



WELL, IN MY CASE, MY DAUGHTER IS REALLY UGLY SO I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING. SHE'S STILL IN THE 4TH GRADE OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SO...





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